Observation	Status
4. Highest Known Flood Level (HFL):—	
The height of a protective embankment is related to thtf HFL. The HFL on the other hand is related to the amount of water flow in the river channel during a particular year. This however presupposes the cross section of the river channel remaining undisturbed. In reality this gets disturbed due to mining activity as well as considerable amount of silting. Thus it would be necessary to adjust the HFL according to the changed river channel cross section.	Implemented in BCCL, CCL, NEC & SECL. Implementation in progress in MCL, WCL & ECL.
5. Abandoned Pits:—	
All pits proposed to be abandoned as well as all abandoned pits are to be properly secured 0 at the collar level against hazards of inundation by surface water.	Implemented in WCL, CCL, MCL & SECL. Implementation in progress in ECL & BCCL. Such conditions do not exist in NEC.

Recommendations and observations of this report are not applicable to Northern Coalfields Limited. (NCL),

Awarding of dealership to SCs/STs

3481. SHRI VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reserved 25 per cent of fertilizer dealership to the SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the total number of fertilizer dealership awarded by all the Public, Co-operative and Joint Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal and total number of dealerships awarded to the persons belonging to the SCs/STs as on 1st January, 2000 and percentage thereof as compared to the total dealership; and

(c) if adequate number of dealership have not been awarded to the persons belonging to the SCs/STs, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have issued instructions in September, 1978 to fertilizer manufacturing Public Sector Undertakings to reserve 25% of all future appointments of dealers for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(b) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC), a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of Coal, is an integrated complex consisting of lignite mines, pit-head thermal power stations, a briquetting and carbonisation plant and a fertilizer plant. Presently, there are 124 stockists-cum-dealers marketing urea produced from the plant out of which only one stockist-cum-dealer (0.8%) belongs to SCST category.

(c) The instructions of 1978 issued by the Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers were not addressed to NLC or the Ministry of Coal and hence the NLC has been following its own methodology in appointment of stockists-cum-dealers.

Providing safety to miners

3482. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lives lost in recent Dhanbad tragedy are on account of inadequate safety measures in collieries;

(b) if so, the reasons why the measures recommended after Chasnala tragedy are not yet implemented in Bagdighi Coal Mine; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to provide safety to Miners in all the Coal fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) An accident took place in Bagdighi coal mine of BCCL on 2.2.2001. The Ministry of Labour has constituted a Court of Inquiry by Justice Gurusharan Sharma of